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The amendment filed on 3/27/07 canceling all claims drawn to the elected invention and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention because the methods and systems of the newly added claims recite different components and steps than those in the originally filed (and subsequently cancelled) claims. Whereas the original claims were drawn to identification and use of center-representing pixels, the newly filed claims are drawn to specifying regions within a digital image. As such, a search of the newly claimed subject matter will require a separate search than was required for the initially claimed invention.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a bona fide attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

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